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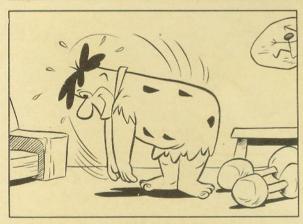
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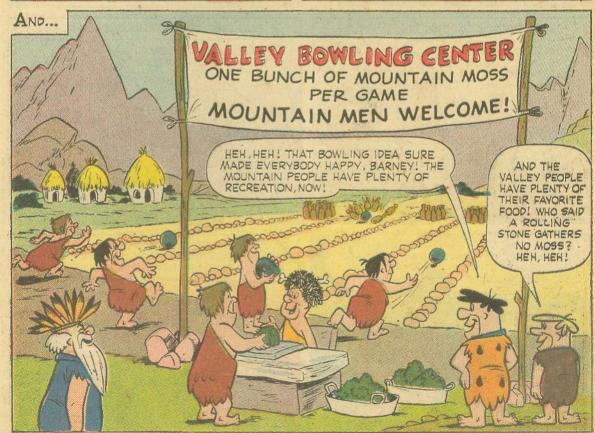










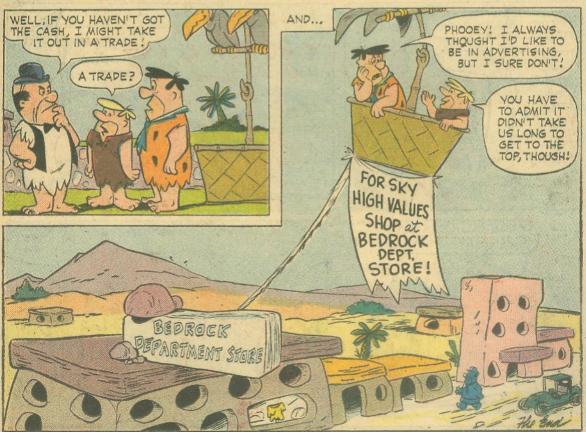






























































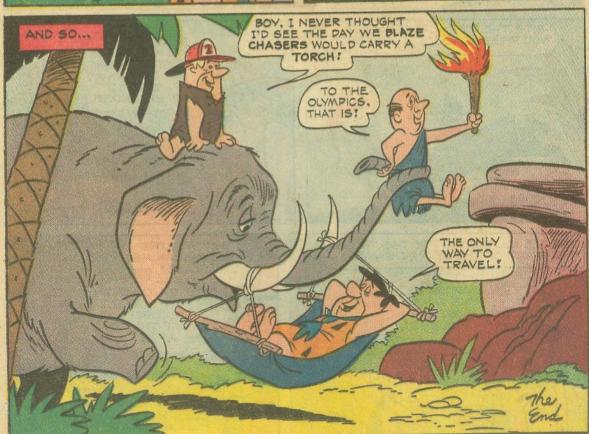














"I wish we could do something to help Pete Sheetrock," Sandy Stone confided to his sister Sally.

Sally nodded unhappily. The two were walking home from school, where the teacher, Miss Gravel, had just given Pete Sheetrock a very bad time indeed. To her, the only things worth knowing were those inscribed on the stone tablets in the school library. The fact that Pete Sheetrock had traveled with a circus, that he could tame wild animals, hang by his ankles from a trapeze, and walk a tightrope did not impress her at all. Pete didn't know history, or stone cutting, or geography. To Miss Gravel, Pete was a real trial.

"It isn't Pete's fault," Sally said hotly.
"Until now, he and his folks have been traveling with the circus, and he hasn't been able to go to a real school."

"Miss Gravel's sure hard on him," Sandy mused. "If only he could do something to make her understand him..." He stopped and snapped his fingers. "I've got it!"

"What do you have, Sandy?" Sally asked.
"Never mind," Sandy answered. "Here,
take my stuff home. I'll be along later."

Before Sally could protest, he was off and running, headed for Pete's house.

Sandy said nothing when he got home. The next morning, he prodded Sally out of bed early, hurried her through breakfast, and set off to school with her.

As they ran down the hill, Sally and Sandy saw Miss Gravel striding briskly in front of them. They caught up with her as she was opening the schoolhouse door.

"Good morning, children," she smiled.

Miss Gravel swung the door wide, took one look inside, and then fainted dead away.

Sally had time only for a fleeting glance of something large before Sandy swung the door shut again. Miss Gravel moaned and sat up.

"Get the fire department!" she cried. "A sabre-tooth tiger's in the schoolroom!"

"Yes, ma'am." But Sandy didn't move. Other pupils were beginning to appear.

"Remain calm!" Miss Gravel shouted. "A tiger is in the classroom. Keep back."

The children stared blankly at her, and she suddenly wondered if they believed her. There had never been a tiger in the school before...could she have imagined it? Miss Gravel began to wish fervently that she could be someplace else...right now!

Pete Sheetrock pushed through the crowd and put his eye to a crack in the door. Miss Gravel held her breath.

"Sabre-tooth," announced Pete calmly. Then he turned and said, "Stand back!"

Dazed, everyone stood back. Pete swung the door open and, before anyone could stop him, marched into the schoolroom.

"He'll be killed!" Miss Gravel cried.

There was silence — and then a rumbling purr shook the school. Pete appeared in the doorway, the big tiger brushing against him like a tabby cat.

"I'll be back," Pete promised.

He led the tiger away while the pupils and Miss Gravel watched, gasping.

Sandy sighed, "I guess Miss Gravel won't be so hard on Pete now."

"How," Sally asked accusingly, "could a sabre-tooth get into the schoolhouse?"

"Smart cat," Sandy replied.

"Don't you mean smart Sandy and Pete? But Miss Gravel could have been hurt!" Sally scolded her brother.

"Not by that cat. It's a circus cat. And it wouldn't hurt a flea," Sandy explained.

Sally grinned. But before she could say anything, Pete returned. Miss Gravel called her class to order and marched them into the schoolroom, with Pete leading the parade.























































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